THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THIRD DAY.

Wednesday, 22nd October 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

Mr. SPEAKER (Sri H. Siddaiya, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Corruption in the administration of Famine Relief.

Q.—262. **Sri K. S. VASAN** (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

Whether instances of corruption have been brought to their notice in the administration of famine relief ; if so, the action taken and against whom ?

A.— **Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA** (Minister for Industries).—In the case of one instance regarding Distress Relief, one Revenue Inspector is under suspension as he has been prosecuted. In another instance, allegations of malpractices in administering Distress Relief Funds by certain Revenue Officials have been received recently and are pending enquiry by the Anti-Corruption Department.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not a fact that huge sums of money out of relief funds have been taken by certain officials and with their connivance by others ?

*Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—You cannot imagine like that.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Will the Government consider the desirability of instituting an enquiry into cases of corrupt practices ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—If certain cases which are of serious nature are brought to notice, Government will thank the Hon'ble Member for that suggestion.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that people who come forward to complain against corrupt practices are being arrested and intimidated by local authorities ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Absolute falsehood.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA (Basavangudi).—In the case of one instance, regarding distress relief, one Revenue Inspector is under suspension. When did the case occur ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—It occurred during the course of giving relief to the distressed people some two and a half months back. I am not sure about the exact date.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—What was the amount involved ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Notice please.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—In another instance, 'allegations' of malpractices in administering Distress Relief Funds: what are those malpractices ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Connected with corruption, bribery, misappropriation and all those things.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—It is stated, 'allegations of malpractices by certain Revenue Officials'. Who are those officials—Amildars or Assistant Commissioners ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—One Revenue Inspector Sri Muniswami of Chintamani Taluk.

* Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speech has not been revised by the Member concerned.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ (ಮದ್ದೂರು).— ತಾವು ಒಂದು ಉಪಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಕೇಳಿದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ 'ದೂರು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಂಥ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವರ್ಗದವರು ತೊಂದರೆಕೊಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ತಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ' ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಅದು 'absolute falsehood' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಯಾವ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೀಗೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಿ.

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Because it is a fact.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ —ಹಾಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರಿಗಾಗಲಿ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರಿಗಾಗಲಿ ದೂರು ಬಂದು ಅದರ ಮೇಲೆ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ನಡೆಸಿ, ಅದು ಆಧಾರವಿಲ್ಲದ್ದೆಂದು ದೃಢಪಟ್ಟದ್ದರ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೀಗೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಾ, ಅಥವಾ ಅಂಥ ಕೆಲಸ ನಡೆಯಲಾರದೆಂಬ ಒಂದನೆ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡು ಈ ರೀತಿ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ —ಈ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ strict instructions ನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಆಫೀಸರುಗಳಿಗೂ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ಹಾಗೇನಾದರೂ harassment ಆಗಿದ್ದು ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿದ್ದರೆ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಅಂಥದು ಯಾವುದೂ ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. We expect all officers to behave in a truthful manner.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ — ತಮ್ಮ ಹುಕುಂ ಏನೋ ಕಠಿಣವಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಆ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಒಬ್ಬಬ್ಬರು ನಡೆಯದೆ ದೂರುಗಳು ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದು ತೊಂದರೆಗೊಳಗಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಣೆಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ವಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ.—ಆ ರೀತಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ Hypothetical ಆಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ನಾವೂ hypothetical ಆಗಿಯೇ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಂಥ ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳು ನಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾವುದೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬಂದರೆ ವಿಚಾರಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವೈ. ಎಂ. ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರಯ್ಯ (ಕಡೂರು).— ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರ ಮೇಲೇನಾದರೂ ದೂರುಗಳು ಬಂದಿವೆಯೇ ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—I think it is irrelevant. It does not arise out of this question.

Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—**May I take it that all these persons have been prosecuted through a court of law ?**

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—This is under the Anti-Corruption Department.

Cases tried by the Anti-Corruption Department.

Q.—349. **Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY** (Yelandur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of cases tried by the Anti-Corruption Department from 1949 to 1952 (figures to be given yearwar and communitywar) ;

(*b*) the number of cases proved (figures to be given communitywar) ;

(*c*) the number of gazetted and non-gazetted officers prosecuted for alleged bribery and corruption (figures to be given communitywar) ;

(*d*) the number of convictions secured ?

A.—**Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA** (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*)	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	(up to end of September 1952).
	37	38	37	57	56	
(*b*)	1948-49.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.	(up to end of September 1952).
	57	38	34	52	56	

(*c*) Gazetted : One. Non-Gazetted : Five

(*d*) Gazetted : One. Non-Gazetted : Nil.

Note.—Information in regard to the community of the officers involved is not available.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—In view of the answers supplied, am I to understand that corruption is increasing after the Anti-Corruption Department has come into existence ?

***Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.**—In this connection, I beg to submit that the cases have been detected only after the Anti-Corruption Department was started. When the detection was actually started, it was a small number. It is but natural that it must grow every year. It is due to the detection that the number is growing.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is it a fact that the Anti-Corruption Department is more vigilant about poor clerks in Taluk offices and the higher officers are left free ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—That is not correct. I submit the Anti-Corruption Department takes notice equally of other persons irrespective of the status, standing or grade.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Is it a fact that the relatives of the higher officers of the State are not dealt with by the Anti-Corruption